

NEW INDUSTRY FOR WINKLER

Once the birds are frozen and employees become more experienced at their jobs, the new poultry processing plant owned at the Winkler Co-op Creamery Ltd. Saturday afternoon will likely process between 200 and 300 birds per hour, Eugene Giesbrecht, plant supervisor, told The Echo recently.

To date the plant has processed about 840 birds of which 900 are chickens and 10 turkeys. Eleven women and five men are presently employed, although it is held likely that another 15 men have to be

added once the operation hits top stride. At present the plant is processing poultry one or two days per week. The distribution of the packaged poultry will likely follow the same routes as the dairy products now manufactured and distributed by the co-operative.

Estimated cost of the plant is \$60,000, of which \$25,000 was received in the form of a grant from the federal government.

Processing

As the poultry is brought into

the Receiving Room, it is weighed and fed to prevent shrinkage. At the killing station, the birds are first suspended by their feet on the roto-track and then stunned with a special stunning knife before they are scalded and bled. Passing through the blood tank, where the blood is drained from the bird, it is then passed through scalding water before evisceration. The scalding water, 126-146 degrees makes the birds easier to pluck.

The scalding removes the outer layer of skin and the bird has to be kept wet for the rest of the processing to prevent discoloration of the skin.

From the scalding the bird goes to the quill puller and the main feather picker.

The automatic picker is adjustable to all sizes of birds and is propelled by their feet and the air and then suspended by their heads.

Just before evisceration, the birds and chickens are given a cold water spray. Following evisceration they are thoroughly washed inside and out.

Visitors are presently given to much farmers who come from the

ONE OF GREATEST About a quarter of the national income of Canada comes from exports. With the possible exception of New Zealand, Canada is the greatest trading nation of the world, on a per capita basis.

Curran goes to pick up the water. They buy the feet and heads for one cent a pound. It is hoped, however, that long runners may eventually become interested in using the service.

In the case of turkeys, the tendons in the drumsticks are removed by a special tendon puller. When the birds have been eviscerated and thoroughly washed inside and out, they are placed in chill tanks overnight before being packaged the next day. Quick chilling improves the texture of the meat.

Packed ice is used in the chill tanks. Following the packaging of the birds in cellophane wrappers, they are subjected to blast freezing at 30 degrees Fahrenheit. After which they are ready for distribution.

The processing plant started operations on Wednesday, Jan. 30. At present the plant takes 1,000 gallons of water per hour, but will shortly be stepped up to 2,000 gallons per hour.

The plant is hooked up to Winkler's newly constructed sewage system, without which, necessary effluents may, the plant could not operate.



MATTER OF MINUTES—It took only a matter of minutes for the men to erect their tents which were anchored into the hard packed snow. Then commenced the job of building the snow wall. These 10-man tents weigh about 60 lbs. and have an inner lining of nylon to help provide extra warmth.

—Canadian Army photo.



FRESHMAN TOUR CHURCHILL—Last week 18 representatives of press, radio and television were born to Fort Churchill, Man., for a tour of the Canadian armed forces installation. Accompanying the party from Winnipeg were Capt. Tommy Gilmour, Army Public Relations Officer, and P.O. Bill Gilmour, RCAP. P.O. Gilmour is a former resident of the Spalding district. Among those in the above group three or four familiar to residents of the area are, in the back row at extreme left, Dan Venners of CKOM-Saskatoon; third from left, Reg Taylor of the Star-Phoenix; and at extreme right, Walter Taylor of The Humboldt Journal.

—Canadian Army photo.



Mrs. Abe Harms attaches an auto-track, takes a chicken through the propane gas moulder.



Pete Harder stuns the poultry with an electric stunning knife as the first step in the processing of the birds.



Mrs. Dave Driedger packs away the cleaned poultry in chilling tanks.



Abe Harms puts poultry through the moulder.



The poultry processing plant is the largest department added to the Winkler Co-operative Creamery Ltd. The packaged chicken and turkey turned out by the new department will take its place alongside the pasteurized milk and cream, butter, ice cream and eggs already distributed by the fleet of white and red delivery trucks.

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TAKING SPECIAL COURSE—About a hundred youths, mostly from rural communities on the Prairies have almost finished a two-month special army militia course at Winnipeg. Offered each year at this time the training is popular with the men who otherwise might have little to do on the farms at this season. They get full pay and allowances and qualify as a trained soldier before returning to their homes and perhaps part-time militia activity. Here, waiting for the order to fall in are left to right, front, John Drake, Strathclair, Man.; Burnwood Masters, Regina; Harlan Redford, Invermay, Man.; and standing, Bruce McKellar, Erickdale, Man.; Nicholas Dorewell, Rivers, Ont.; and Earl Smith, Birtle, Man.

—Canadian Army photo.



FIVE THOUSAND TIMES FIRST—Jockey Johnny Longdon, astride "Giant," returns from the final line at the \$100,000 race track in California recently, after riding his 6,000th winner, the most in history. The 47-year-old jockey achieved the mark after riding in more than 25,000 races over a 30-year span. His book was over 18 million dollars in purses, accounting for his "Mr. Moneybags" nickname.



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POINTS TO THEIR SOON-TO-BE NEW HOME—CANADA— A major proportion of the Hungarian relief operation in Austria and Hungary is being played by the Canadian Red Cross. The society maintains three of the 28 camps that still house more than 50,000 refugees from the Red terror of Hungary. The 27 Red Cross hospitals in Europe are preparing to take over their fourth camp. Only the U.S. with 100 camps has exceeded a heavier burden. Jack Cropper, Ottawa, points on map of Canada, to show some youngsters where their new home will be.



"ELECTRONIC BRAIN"—Mr. N. R. Crump, president of the CTR, starts in motion the first "electronic brain" to be installed anywhere as a coast-to-coast industrial data processing machine. The huge IBM 705 unit, housed in a room 108 feet long and 27 feet wide, will be used by its transportation system to handle a variety of operations from freight car movement to inventory control. The multi-million dollar unit is housed in Montreal's Windsor Station, head office for the world-wide co-ordination.



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—Canadian Army photo.



DON'T TOUCH—From the past-story book, the person not to be giving the two parasites. It would seem that the birds are about to breathe their last. But there's no need for worry as the three all live together in harmony. The cover of the film, which, by the way, is a prize winner, says it has a passion for food, a staff of the carrot family.



PROGRAM NOTE—The official program at the recent opening of the new Ghana Parliament in Accra serves as a makeshift sun helmet for this preceding photograph. The former British colony in Africa known as the Gold Coast passed into history as the new nation became a sovereign state.

(The Globe, Lacombe, Alta.—Feb. 21, 1957)



SAFE "CRACKED" IN NIGHT ROBBERY—Proprietor W. J. Jackson of the Independent Creamery in Lacombe found the safe in his office Saturday morning, after the robbery. The safe, in which more than \$500 in cash was taken. Note the bottom of the safe, which was perforated with a gunshot and then filled with a mixture of steam, steam, of so fired above, was later apprehended by Lacombe police and removed to 18 months in Fort Saskatchewan jail.



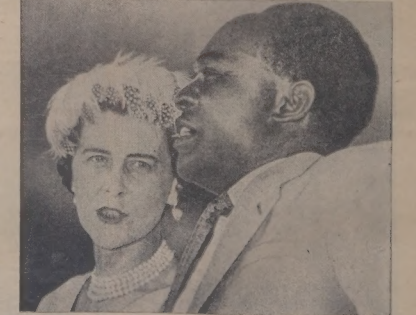
FINGER PAINTING—Betty the Baltimore Zoo's seven-year-old talented chim, practices one of her finger paintings. On wall are other paintings done by the animal artist. Her paintings have sold for as high as \$20 apiece.



LAND HO!—The U.S. Navy's new USS Storer, a 10,000-ton transport, is shown here. The ship is the first of a new class of transport ships, designed for special duty. The ship is the Storer's first duty. He conducted it from within glass of vessels salvaged from shipwrecks and bases in the San Francisco area.

Monday closing proposed by Kirkfield stores

A petition calling for stores in Kirkfield Park to be closed all day Monday was presented to a group of merchants to Assiniboia County at the regular meeting March 11th.—The Leader, St. James, Man.—March 14, 1957.



THE DECEMBER OF KENT chats with Kwame Nkrumah, Prime Minister of the new African nation of Ghana, at welcome ceremony in Ghana's capital city of Accra.

Last stretch of Highway 14 to be reinforced concrete

Provincial Trunk Highway 1 will be completed and the Winkler-Haskett road will be graded and gravelled during the coming year according to the Manitoba government's 1967-68 road building program.

Released last week, the program includes the laying down of 10 miles of reinforced concrete pavement from Rosenfeld to Highway 75. The stretch of Highway 1 from Winkler to Rosenfeld will

Major item in the extensive \$31,928,560 road program announced by Hon. R. D. Robertson, public works minister, is the Trans-Canada Highway system, that will cost up to \$10,534,000, with the federal government shouldering one-half the cost. Another \$11,339,000 is earmarked for other trunk lines.

Clarence Powell, who lives three miles west of Blackfalds, learned of the surprise of his life the day when he picked up a pullet egg that weighed an even pound.

The egg—which measured 4 inches in circumference one end and nine inches the other—was laid by a white rock pullet that was hatched on May 10 of last year.

scribers will probably be the first in Canada and among the first on the continent to have what is called Subscriber Automatic Toll Ticketing equipment. Which means subscribers in the Okanagan centres will be able to dial long distance, station-to-station, direct. Only if a call is to be made person-to-person will an operator be needed. Already on order, the equipment will be completely installed and in operation within two

last summer, is scheduled to get seal coat this year.

Because of poorer soil conditions the final 31 miles will be reinforced concrete. The remainder of Highway 14 is bituminous material.

Highway 24A from Gretna to Rosenfeld was blacktopped in 1963. Also on the current government

Timothy Petrunik walking proof of Shriners' aims
Three-year-old Timothy Petrunik of East Conlon was the centre of attraction at the local bus depot Saturday night as he was greeted by members of the Drumheller Shrine Club on his return from the Shriners' hospital at Winnipeg. —The Mail, Drumheller, Alberta, Feb. 21, 1967.

Because they have no free natives of the Marquesas islands in the Pacific harpoon wild for food.

DAMS TO BE BUILT ON ASSINIBOINE

A number of dams will be built on the Assiniboine river system to the Kamsack area of northeast Saskatchewan over the next few years—The North Star, Norway Sask.—Feb. 15, 1957.

Roses were the first flowers to be used to make perfume.

(The Recorder, Rimbey, Alta.—Feb. 14, 1957)

The United States and Britain are among the few nations which have not accepted metric measurements.

The average person eats 100 pounds of sugar a year. 3240

For those who couldn't come to the museum, the miracle of television brought the museum to them. A weekly TV program complete with a panel of "Quiz Kids" has kindled the interest of Canadians in their country's natural past.

